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<https://themen.crossasia.org/?lang=en>



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The CrossAsia Blog informs about the activities of CrossAsia and the Specialised Information Service Asia. In the blog we offer up-to-date information about new databases, workshops, conferences, exhibitions, new acquisitions, the 'Blauer Leihverkehr', and other services for Asian studies.

FORUM

The CrossAsia Forum invites users to interact with other users and the CrossAsia team to exchange views about online resources for Asian studies and other topics. The forum offers a platform for discussing newly licensed databases, to report technical problems, to share research experiences and to make suggestions. The CrossAsia team looks forward to the active participation of all users.

TRAINING

The Specialised Information Service Asia offers introductions to its services and the platform CrossAsia on-site at your institution or as webinar. We are happy to tailor our training on special topics or themes according to your needs. Please contact us any time to arrange for a CrossAsia introduction.

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ABOUT CROSSASIA

CrossAsia is designed as a central access point for scientific information in the field of Asian studies. It offers access to information in the humanities and social sciences from and about Asia (China, Japan, Korea, Central Asia, South-east Asia, South Asia) from a broad spectrum of subjects, ranging from philology, history, politics and economics, to anthropology and cultural studies. CrossAsia was established by the East Asia Department of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – PK (SBB) and is being further developed in co-operation with the University Library (UL) of Heidelberg together with the South Asia Institute (SAI) of Heidelberg University. As part of the programme for Specialised Information Services (FID) CrossAsia is financially supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

CROSSASIA SEARCH

CrossAsia Search is a tool for searching in more than 100 million bibliographic records from the field of Asian studies. Automatic character mapping allows simultaneous searches with traditional and simplified Chinese as well as variant Japanese characters. Interlibrary loan requests can be sent directly from the list of results; wherever possible titles in databases licensed for CrossAsia are directly accessible. The search also includes bibliographical records which can be used to make an acquisition request.

CROSSASIA ITR AND FULLTEXT SEARCH

With the Integrated Text Repository – CrossAsia ITR – we aim to create a sustainable technical infrastructure that guarantees access to Asia-related resources independent of provider systems. In a browser-based fulltext search (beta), licensed and Open Access fulltexts are made available for research and teaching across different databases. The search is open to all users; authentication is only required to

access the corresponding licensed databases. In addition, we are in the process of preparing access to the data stored in the ITR via APIs and we will provide additional modes for data exploration and navigation.

DATABASES

CrossAsia offers access to more than 150 relevant full-text, statistical and bibliographical databases, electronic journals, newspapers and books in western or Asian languages. Users affiliated to a research institution or university department located in Germany which takes part in the so-called ‚Blauer Leihverkehr‘ can register with CrossAsia to get access to databases subject to licence. Holders of a SBB library card can login with their usual access details. A complete list of licensed databases can be found here:

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E-PUBLISHING

The Specialised Information Service Asia supports Open Access as a publication model for disseminating research results. Three publication platforms are available to Asian scholars worldwide:

- CrossAsia-eBooks: publication of eBooks in various digital formats incl. Print-on-demand option
- CrossAsia-eJournals: Open Access eJournals
- CrossAsia-Repository: articles, working papers, pre-prints, dissertations, etc.
- Permanent archiving of related research data

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BLAUER LEIHKVERKEHR AND ACQUISITION REQUESTS (PDA)

The 'Blauer Leihverkehr' is a free of charge interlibrary loan service for books and articles in Asian languages. It is available to members of German university institutions specialising in Asian studies as well as other academic institutions doing research on Asia that have signed a contract with the SBB or the South Asia Institute in Heidelberg. The loan period is usually one year, renewal is possible. The SBB also serves academic institutions of European universities via the 'Blauer Leihverkehr'.

Orders for Central, East and Southeast Asian printed materials held at the East Asia and Oriental departments of the SBB can be placed using the CrossAsia Search, the OPAC:

<http://crossasia.stabikat.de>

or the online form:

<https://crossasia.org/en/service/blauer-leihverkehr>

Orders for South Asian books from the collection of the SAI can be placed using the CrossAsia Search or:

<http://katalog.ub.uni-heidelberg.de>

In addition the service CrossAsia PDA (Patron Driven Acquisition) invites users to place an acquisition request either directly via the CrossAsia Search or by using the following online form:

<https://crossasia.org/en/service/blauer-leihverkehr>

